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Lee Brick House
Hillsboro
Private

Circa 1794

Standing on the corner of Maryland Alternate Route 404 and Church Lane in Hillsboro is a five-bay two-story brick residence built in the last decade of the 18th Century. The three western-most bays are laid in Flemish bond on the North facade and the remainder, including the late two bays, are laid in common bond. In form and development, it is identical to Rees Corner House, Kent County, although this house has its kitchen wing to the rear whereas the Kent County house is to the side. Most of the building was remodeled around 1870 including the interior and especially the entrance door.

The south side of Maryland Alternate Route 404 was owned around 1790 by John Hardcastle (of Talbot County) who subdivided the land into building lots. William Smith, merchant, purchased the lot and probably began building the present dwelling around 1794.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1. NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Lee Brick House, Sursum Corda

2. LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Md. Alternate Route 404 and Church Lane

CITY, TOWN

Hillsboro

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Caroline

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Allison W. Lee

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 97

CITY, TOWN

Hillsboro

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21641

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Caroline County Courthouse

Liber #: 148

Folio #: 515

STREET & NUMBER

Market Street

CITY, TOWN

Denton

STATE

Maryland 21629

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Lee Brick House is located at the southeast corner of Maryland Alternate Route 404's intersection with Church Lane in the village of Hillsboro, Caroline County. The present owner's research indicates that the structure was probably built in 1794, and was enlarged to five bays around 1798.

The house is a two story brick dwelling with Flemish bond and struck joints on the main (north) facade of the original section and common bond elsewhere. The original section was a side entrance plan of the three bays now located on the west. The addition created a symmetrical five bay facade with a central doorway. The interior has a central hall way containing the staircase, a single room to each side of the hall, and a frame service ell on the east rear. The interior woodwork is all from a remodeling in the 1860-70's period. The windows on the main facade are 2/2 pane sash and the door and door cornice are Victorian style. The bays of the main facade have brick flat arches of vertical stretchers. Interior chimney stacks are at each gable end. Two dormers are on the north side of the roof of the original section.

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SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The south side of Maryland Alternate Route 404 in Hillsboro was owned by John Hardcastle. He divided the land into building lots and the site of the Lee Brick House was one of the first sold. William Smith, merchant, purchased the lot and, according to the present owner's research, probably built the house in 1794 and the addition in 1798. It is a fine example of the Federal style of Architecture as produced in Caroline County.

The present owners have named the house "Sursum Corda" (lift up your hearts).

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

March, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
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Lee Buick House



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